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To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 80-40

IMPLEMENTATION OF MFBU REGULATION REVISIONS (REGULATION PACKAGE R 68-79)

This letter is to provide you detailed information regarding implementation of the regulation revisions contained in the subject regulation package.

In Letter No. 80-36 (Maintenance Need Levels effective January 1, 1981) you were advised that the anticipated effective date of the MFBU revisions is February 1, 1981 and were also advised to combine, as much as possible, the advance case review required by these changes with the case review necessary to implement the January, 1981 maintenance need reductions.

Following are more detailed instructions regarding implementation time frames and administrative costs associated with implementation of the changes.

Implementation Schedule

Enclosed are the procedures for the implementation of the regulation revisions contained in the subject regulation package. The procedures were developed as reference material and were included as part of the training recently given to county staff. The procedures are structured by regulation change subject matter. Each regulation topic is subdivided into actions required on new applications and actions required on continuing cases. Further subdivision by case situation appears where applicable. Time frames for implementation are listed for each action step required.

In certain instances, action will be required only at intake or only at intake and redetermination; in other instances, point-in-time conversion of existing cases is required. The time frames for completion of actions vary depending upon the amount of time and work required.

If you feel your county will be unable to meet the time frames in the enclosure it will be necessary for you to submit in writing, your proposed plan and timetable for implementation along with the reasons why your county cannot meet the time frames in this letter. Your proposal must reach us no later than November 21, 1980. Upon review of individual proposals, State staff may meet with you to discuss modifications or alternatives to your proposal before it can be formally approved.

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ACTION TIME FRAMES -- AF ACTIONS

CHANGE	JAN. 1981 APPS. APPROVAL OCCURS IN JAN.*	JAN. 1981 APPS. APPROVAL OCCURS IN FEB.	FEB. 1981 APPS.
1. Child support/alimony income deduction	Effective 2/81 SOC computation, unless adverse action and 10 day notice can't be given, then no later than 3/81 SOC	Effective 2/81 SOC computation	Effective 2/81 SOC computation
2. 18-21 year old M.I.s	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility unless adverse action and 10 day notice can't be given, then no later than 3/81	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility
3. Excluded family members/ineligible family members	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility, unless excluded family member is an unborn and inclusion of unborn and parent's income is adverse action and 10 day notice can't be given, then no later than 3/81	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility
4. ID verification	N/A	N/A	All apps. signed on or after 2/1/81
5. Income in kind verif.	N/A	N/A	All apps. signed on or after 2/1/81
6. Linkage to AFDC	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility
7. LTC (ABD couple)	N/A	N/A	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility
8. Stepparent income	Effective 2/81 SOC computation unless adverse action and 10 day notice can't be given, then no later than 3/81 SOC	Effective 2/81 SOC computation	Effective 2/81 SOC computation
9. Unmarried minor parents	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility unless adverse action and 10 day notice can't be given, then no later than 3/81	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility	Effective 2/81 month of eligibility

*Earlier apps. with approval action in Jan. may follow this conversion schedule if information is available, or may fol-

ACTION TIME FRAMES -- CONTINUING CASES REQUIRING ACTION EFFECTIVE WITH REG. REVISIONS

CHANGE	JANUARY 1981*	FEBRUARY 1981	MARCH 1981	APRIL 1981
1. 18-21 year old M.I.s				
a. parents on Medi-Cal; 18-21 yr. old on Medi-Cal	a. combine into one case	a. if no adverse action, must be effective 2/81 month of eligibility	a. if adverse action must be effective no later than 3/81	
b. parents on Medi-Cal; 18-21 yr. old not on M.C.	b. send info. notice to parents that 18-21 yr. old can now be in case; if interested contact CWD	b. if no response, no action necessary until redetermination; at redet. if 18-21 yr. old has no income or property must include in case		
c. parents not on; 18-21 yr. old on Medi-Cal	c. send CA 1 & MC210 to 18-21 yr. old w/letter advising parents must apply if wants full coverage; send MC4026 & advise minor consent services still available; set deadline so that if no info returned 10 day notice can effect disc. no earlier than 1/31 but no later than 2/28/81	c. all cases where info. not returned must be disc. by end of this month.		
	c. MC 210 returned			c. all actions must be effective no later than 4/1/81; discs. no later than 3/31
	c. only MC 4026 returned	c. evaluate eligibility and take appropriate action		
	c. both returned	c. change to minor consent		
		c. do both of the above		
2. excluded/ineligible persons				
a. spouse or parent	a. include on MC 176M and MC 177 as applicable	a. all actions must be effective 2/1/81		
b. excl. child with no income or property	b. include on MC 176M and MC 177	b. all actions must be effective 2/1/81		
c. unborn with unmarried father in home	c. send letter that unborn must be included; request income and property info. of unmarried father; set deadline as in l.c. above	c. all cases where info. not returned must be disc. by end of this month		
	c. info. returned	c. evaluate and take appropriate action		e. all actions must be effective 4/1/81

*Action can be earlier, but effective date cannot be before 1-31-81 or 2-1-81.

ACTION TIME FRAMES -- CONTINUING CASES -- REQUIRING ACTION EFFECTIVE WITH REG. REVISIONS

CHANGE	JANUARY 1981*	FEBRUARY 1981	MARCH 1981	APRIL 1981
3. Stepparent income	--send letter advising of change and requesting income info. of stepparent; set deadline so that if info. not returned, 10 day notice will effect discontinuance no earlier than 1/31 but no later than 2/28 --info. returned	--all cases where info not returned must be disc. by end of this month. --evaluate info received and take appropriate action		
4. Unmarried minor parents				--all actions must be effective no later than 4-1
a. parents on Medi-Cal; minor has no income or property	a. add to parents case; delete from other case	a. all actions must be effective 2/1		
b. parents on Medi-Cal; minor has income or property	b. send parents letter that minor can no longer receive full Medi-Cal coverage unless included in their case, if interested contact CWD b. send minor letter that child's eligibility is not affected, however minor can't get full coverage unless included in parents' case. Advise can still receive minor consent services; include form MC 4026; set deadline for return of MC4026 so that 10 day notice can effect disc. no earlier than 1/31 but no later than 2/28/81 b. MC4026 returned	b. if MC4026 not returned must disc. no later than 2/28 keep in case as ineligible b. change minor parent status	b. change minor parent to limited service	b. change must be effective no later than 4-1

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ACTION TIME FRAMES -- CONTINUING CASES REQUIRING ACTION EFFECTIVE WITH REG. REVISIONS

CHANGE	JANUARY 1981*	FEBRUARY 1981	MARCH 1981	APRIL 1981
6. parents not on Medi-Cal	c. send CA 1 and MC 210 to minor with letter advising parents must apply if interested in full coverage; send MC4026 and advise minor consent services still available; advise eligibility of child not affected; set deadline so that if no info. returned 10 day notice can effect disc. no earlier than 1/31 but no later than 2/28/81 c. MC 210 returned c. MC4026 only returned c. both MC 210 and MC4026 returned	c. all cases where no info. returned must be disc. no later than 2/28/81 keep minor in case as ineligible c. evaluate eligibility and take appropriate action c. change minor parent to limited service status c. do both of the above		c. all action must be effect. no later than 4/1 c. change must be effect. no later than 4/1

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ACTION REQUIRED

CHANGE	INTAKE	CONTINUING			WHEN CHANGE AFFECTS ITEM OR AT REDETER- MINATION, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST
		EFFECTIVE WITH REG. REVISIONS	WHEN ACTING ON ANY CHANGE OR AT REDETERMINATION, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST		
1. Child support/ alimony income deduction	Yes	None	Yes	None	None
2. 18-21 year old MIs	Yes	Yes	None	None	None
3. Excluded family members/ ineligible family members	Yes	Yes	None	None	None
4. ID verification	Yes	None	None	None	None
5. Income in kind verif.	Yes	None	None	None	Yes
6. Linkage to AFDC	Yes	None	None	None	Yes
7. LTC (ABD couple)	Yes	None	None	None	None
8. Stepparent income	Yes	Yes	None	None	None
9. Unmarried minor parents	Yes	Yes	None	None	None

STEPPARENT INCOME

Due to a recent change in Medi-Cal regulations resulting from the passage of AB 381, Chapter 1170 Statutes of 1979, your legally collectable community property (one-half) interest in your spouse's income must now be considered in determining your child(ren)'s Medi-Cal eligibility. You must provide us with a statement of your spouse's total monthly gross income and deductions by _____ or your child(ren)'s Medi-Cal eligibility will be discontinued effective _____.

You also have the right to request Medi-Cal for yourself and the rest of your family. If you wish to do this contact this office by _____.

18-21 YEAR OLD

Due to a recent change in Medi-Cal regulations resulting from the passage of AB 1251, Chapter 451 Statutes of 1979, your parents are now financially responsible for you while you are living with them until you reach age 21. If you wish to be re-evaluated for Medi-Cal eligibility your parents must complete the enclosed forms (CA 1 and MC210) and return them to us by _____.

If you wish limited Medi-Cal to pay for any services related to sexual assault, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, family planning or venereal disease, you may receive this coverage without your parents' income and property considered. If you need any of the above services please complete form MC4026 and return it to us by _____.

If neither the CA 1 and MC210 nor form MC4026 are received by the deadlines above your Medi-Cal eligibility will be discontinued effective _____.

UNMARRIED MINOR PARENT

Due to a recent change in Medi-Cal regulations resulting from the passage of AB 1251, Chapter 451 Statutes of 1979, your parents are now financially responsible for you while you are living with them until you reach age 21. If you wish to be re-evaluated for Medi-Cal eligibility your parents must complete the enclosed forms (CA 1 and MC210) and return them to us by _____.

If you wish limited Medi-Cal to pay for any services related to sexual assault, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, family planning or venereal disease, you may receive this coverage without your parents' income and property considered. If you need any of the above services please complete form MC4026 and return it to us by _____.

If neither the CA 1 and MC210 nor form MC4026 are received by the deadlines above your Medi-Cal eligibility will be discontinued effective _____.

THIS DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR CHILD(REN)'S ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDI-CAL.